GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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NEW DRUG FOR LIVER CANCER
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the American scientists have developed a new drug which helps to increase the period of survival of patients suffering from liver cancer;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to import this new drug for treatment of patients who suffer from liver cancer in India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to(d) : According to Drug Controller General of India, in a clinical trial with 600 patients of hepatocellular carcinoma in USA, the drug called Nexavar (a brand of Sorafenib 200mg tablet), extended the lives of patients by few months.Nexavar is currently approved in USA and other countries for treatment of Kidney cancer. In India also application is under import registration process for Kidney cancer.